

University of St Andrews

The University of St Andrews was founded in 1413. It is the oldest university in Scotland and the third oldest in the English speaking world.

Over six centuries it has established a reputation as one of Europe's leading and most distinctive centres for teaching and research. It is highly ranked across league tables and combines historic buildings with modern facilities.

Courses and specialisms

A wide variety of academic courses are taught through four faculties:

- Arts
- Divinity
- Medicine
- Science.

Courses are modular, so the degree structure is flexible, with some subjects being offered across the two faculties of Arts and Science.

The BSc Medicine is the only course which is not modular. Students complete their studies and clinical training in a partner medical school, either Manchester Medical School or Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry, or one of the four Scottish Medical Schools: Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh or Glasgow.

Students

The university teaches a wide range of subjects to almost 9,000 students, including 7,221 full time undergraduates. International students come from over 140 countries and territories.

Depending on the subject you study, you may be able to complete part of your undergraduate course abroad, in countries including Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Singapore North America and Uruguay.

According to HESA, 96.4% of students from the 2016/17 academic year went into employment or further study within six months after graduating.

Facilities and services

The university is a major part of the town of St Andrews, and accounts for half of its population. There is a diverse range of social activities including over 160 clubs and societies.

Nearly half of students live in halls, with a range of catered and self-catered accommodation available. The university has almost 4,000 beds across 11 halls of residence and first year students are guaranteed accommodation.

Saints Sport is the body that delivers a range of physical activity and exercise programmes across the university,

including sport, fitness classes and health services. It has more than 50 sports at all levels and the centre now includes a 130-station gym, technical climbing wall and range of indoor and outdoor courts.

A new purpose built music centre is due to open in 2020. Facilities will include a recital room, practice room with pianos, studios for electronic music and recording, a library and group rehearsal rooms.

Ranking

The University of St Andrews is ranked the top university in Scotland in the Guardian University Guide 2019.

It is ranked 1st in the UK for Business and Management Studies and Physics and Astronomy in the Complete University Guide League Tables 2020.

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